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SUBJ: CAMBODIAN NAVAL SHIPS AND REFUGEES IN MALAYSIA

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1. MFA UNDERSECRETARY YUSOF HITAM HAS JUST INFORMED
US THAT CAMBODIAN SHIPS WILL DEPART TOMORROW,
APRIL 26. ACCORDING TO YUSOF, THE THREE SHIPS
IN VICINITY OF TUMPAT (E-312, P-111 AND P-112)
HAVE BEEN JOINED BY A FOURTH (PGM) WHICH HAD BEEN
LOCATED AT KUALA TRENGGANU (SEE KL 2168).
COMMANDER KRISHNA, AFLER CONSULTING WITH HIS MEN,
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HAS DECIDED TO PUT TO SEA AND INTENDS TO HEAD

FOR SUBIC BAY. HE HAS REQUESTED SUFFICIENT FUEL FOR THE TRIP AND FOOD SUPPLIES FOR ONE WEEK. THE GOM HAS AGREED AND HAS PROMISED 40,000 GALLONS OF DIESEL, WHICH, HE SAYS, THE CAPTAIN ESTIMATES WILL GET ALL FOUR SHIPS TO SUBIC. THEY WILL DEPART AS SOON AS FUELING CAN BE COMPLETED, PROBABLY AFTERNOON APRIL 26 OR POSSIBLY MORNING APRIL 27.

2. A FEW CIVILIANS, AT LAST COUNT FORTY-TWO, INCLUDING MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WILL REMAIN IN MALAYSIA. YUSOF WAS VAGUE ABOUT CRITERIA USED IN DECIDING WHO COULD STAY, CITING THREE PRINCIPLES: (1) A REQUEST FROM THE INDIVIDUAL; (2) GOM JUDGMENT THAT THEIR "PLIGHT GENUINE"; AND (3) JUDGMENT THAT THEIR PRESENCE NOT "DISRUPTING" (THIS WE BELIEVE MEANS THAT REFUGEE FALLS INTO NEITHER "MILITARY" NOR "POLITICAL" CATEGORY WHICH GOM HAS SAID WILL NOT ACCEPT).

3. YUSOF HAS PROMISED TO TELL US AS SOON AS HE RECEIVES WORD THAT FUELING OPERATIONS ARE COMPLETED.

4. FYU. KL PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT TWO ADDITIONAL CAMBODIAN NAVY CRAFT ARRIVED AT TUMPAT APRIL 24, APPARENTLY BOTH LANDING CRAFT. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION FROM MFA ABOUT THESE TWO.
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